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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANTHONY J. JENKINS ANNOUNCES INDICTMENT OF ROBERT KENNEDY PINNEY ON FIREARMS AND DRUG POSSESSION CHARGES

Anthony J. Jenkins, U.S. Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, today announced that a Grand Jury has returned a seventeen (17) count indictment charging Robert K. Pinney with Possession of several firearms and Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute.

On December 8, 2005, Robert K. Pinney, a 35 year old native of St. Thomas, was arrested by Drug Enforcement Administration and HIDTA Agents on the island of St. Thomas. Pinney was found in possession of a Cobray Mack-11 9mm pistol, an SKS-7.62 high caliber assault rifle, a Smith and Wesson 9mm semi-automatic pistol, a Beretta 9mm semi-automatic pistol, and a X26c taser gun. Along with the firearms, Pinney possessed a duffle bag containing numerous rounds of ammunition and a bullet

proof vest, hand cuffs and military fatigues belonging to a Virgin Islands police officer. More than 5 grams of a white powdery substance, which tested positive for crack cocaine, was also found in Pinney's possession.

Pinney was later taken into custody by Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") and HIDTA agents. Pinney appeared in the District Court of the Virgin Islands and was detained without bail pending trial.

U.S. Attorney Jenkins commended the performance of the DEA and the HIDTA for the investigation and arrest in this case. U.S. Attorney Jenkins reminds the public that an arrest is not evidence of guilt, and that, as in all criminal cases, the indictment in this case is merely a charging document, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.